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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Administration, DPS/DCI

SUBJECT : Article Appearing in Aviation Week (23 June Issue)

1. The Director has asked for a report on the attached article. If our Cover Officer were in residence, I would ask him to prepare it. In his absence would you arrange to have this done.

2. I have in mind a very short (preferably one page) report which I believe should be addressed primarily to a statement of the extent to which the content of this article consists (a) of material already leaked or released by the Air Force on 117L and (b) of those statements in the article (if any) which could be taken as referring to CORONA. From our point of view the former type of material is innocuous. My own impression is that the only statement in the article which comes close to CORONA is that beginning in line 2 of column one on page 19 which surmises that film will probably be recovered by parachute in initial versions of the system. I do not believe this statement reveals any knowledge of CORONA by the writer and you will note the statement in the next paragraph that "a scheme for recovering a reconnaissance satellite complete with its equipment" has been abandoned. This is assuming, however, that the reference to the parachute recovery of film is pure journalistic speculation.

g/m
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